(c) in which year the reserved seats in IAS and IPS were not filled during the same period?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Information is given in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 105]

(c) Reserved candidates equal to the number of reserved vacancies were allocated to the IAS and IPS in all the three years.

Improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare

3123. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions from different organisations and commissions for the improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Chattopadhaya Commission made some suggestions *inter alia* regarding improvement of National Foundation for Teachers' Welfare. These were examined by an empowered committee set up by the Government. Thereafter, the Foundation has introduced various welfare schemes for the benefit of teachers/dependents like assistance to State/UT Govts. for construction of teacher rest-houses (Shikshak Sadans) paid holiday to eminent teachers, financial assistance for professional education of children of school teachers, medical reimbursement to teachers suffering from serious ailments, gratuitous relief in cases of serious accidents etc.

VCR/VCP project in Rajasthan

3124. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level team of the Electronic Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET and T) visited Rajasthan in May, 1989 to select a site of the proposed VCR/VCP Project in the State and also recommended a site near Jaipur;

(b) whether ET & T propose to sign a MOU with RIICO to implement this vital project in that State;

(c) whether the Chairman and Managing Director of the Electronic Trade and Technology held discussions with the Central Government in this regard; if so, with what results; and

(d) what is the latest position in this regard indicating the likely installed capacity per annum, total investment outlay and foreign exchange involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) With regard to their proposal for setting up of VCR/VCP project in the country, ET&T had conducted a locational study of various States including a site near Jaipur in Rajasthan. The visit for this to Rajasthan took place in May, 1989.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Taking into account the proposed heavy outflow of foreign exchange, the Government has not been able to accept the proposal in its present form.

Firing by Sri Lankan Army on Indian Fishing Boats

3125. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan army opened fire on an Indian fishing boat.

on the 17th July, 1990, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps have been taken to give protection to the Indian fishermen by the Indian Coast Guards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir. However, on the 17th July, 1990, the Sri Lankan Navy fired upon two Indian fishing boats which had transgressed into the Sri Lankan waters west of Kachchativu, injuring 3 fishermen. 4 other fishermen from these boats were also beaten up by them.

(b) Patrolling and surveillance of the Palk Bay/Palk Strait by the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard has been intensified. The Govt. of Tamil Nadu have also warned Indian fishermen not to cross the International Boundary Line for fishing activities.

Indigenous Super-Computer

3126. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a prototype of the country's first indigenous commercial super-computer, based on paralliel processing technology was dedicated to the nation on the 17th August, 1990;

(b) if so, to what extent India has been able to produce super computer prototypes; and

(c) what would be its annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC). Pune has developed a 64-node parallel processing system with a performance rating of 270 Megaflops CDAC organised a Technology Transfer meet for this parallel machine on 17th August, 1990. This approach of parallel processing will enable India to have computers for a wide range of applications with high performance rating in the range of super computers.

(c) The technology developed by CDAC is now ready for transfer to Indian industry. It is too early to estimate the annual production.

Infrastructure to Engineering Colleges

3127. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to end capitation fee in engineering colleges and has decided to set up regional authorities to inspect all such colleges in the country;

(b) if so, whether 80 per cent infrastructure would be given to the colleges;

(c) whehter colleges with 80 per cent infrastructure would be given specified time to provide all needed equipments and facilities; and

(d) by when this would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The Government is opposed to the charging of capitation fee for admission. The All India Council for Technical Education has finalised guidelines on admissions which link admissions with merit. The Regional Committee of the AICTE has been set up and their Committees propose to visit such engineering colleges.

(b) to (d) For according approval, the AICTE decided:—

—Colleges which are viable will be given approval by the AICTE.

—Colleges which are not fully viable but have the potential will be given sometime to measure up before they are finally approved or disapproved.

—Colleges which are not fully viable and have no potential to develop should be disapproved.